Intro to the International Student Office

Mission Statement
The International Student Office promotes academic success, personal growth and development of the Collin College’s international student population by providing professional services in the areas of admission, immigration advising, academic advising, and assistance in complying with U.S. government regulations, while treating each student with dignity and respect.

Services Provided
- Academic Advising
- Immigration Advising
- International Admission
- Registration
- International Student Orientation
- Personal advising and referrals
- Maintain Records for USCIS Reporting
- Providing Cultural Awareness
- Resources to Social Security Office
- Assist students to receive on- and off-campus employment
- Assist students in changing their visa status to F-1 Student status
- General Information
- International Day

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International student MUST HAVE/ MUST DO check list

Below is a check list of things that you need to do BEFORE arriving in U.S and things you must bring with you to U.S:

Money

This is for a single student, and expenses may vary according to individual circumstances. Immigration will be notified that a 12-month stay will cost an estimated USD $19,792 for an international student attending Collin College.

- Tuition — You will need to bring funds for school 1st semester tuition, fees, books, and supplies. MasterCard and Visa are accepted as long as the card is issued by a United States bank.

- Housing — If you don't have family or friends to stay with, you must pre-arrange your housing as soon as you secure your visa. All housing arrangements are the student's responsibility! Century Court apartments are located on the Spring Creek campus. You may contact them at 972-509-0247 or at www.centurycourt.com. If you are going to rent an apartment then you will need to bring the first month's rent and two months deposit (app. $1500 USD). Incoming students who are living on campus will be required to provide verification of vaccination against bacterial meningitis or provide signed affidavit declining the vaccination. More details at the apartment website.

- Living expenses — Please bring extra funds for living expenses (i.e.: food, utilities, housing supplies, personal grooming, clothing, entertainment, etc)

- Health Insurance — this is an option. Health care in the United States is expensive and therefore the college suggests that you have health insurance which will help to pay for your health care while you are in the United States. We recommend that you research companies in your country that might provide insurance in the U.S. Even though Collin College does not provide a health insurance plan for students, you can purchase insurance through private companies after you arrive in the U.S.

- Transportation — very few restaurants, supermarkets and shopping malls are within a walking distance. Transportation is available through the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) bus service. Bus schedule can be found in front of the student life office on the Spring Creek Campus or at www.dart.org. Call 214-979-1111 for more information. Students are responsible for all transportation needs.

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